

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Notice CMA-29**For:** CMA's, LSA's, and State and County Offices Except AK, HI, and PR**Initial 1999 Crop Year CMA Process Input File Submissions****Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs**1 Overview****A****Background**

Low commodity prices have prompted increased demand for marketing loans and LDP's making it imperative to provide producer eligibility and PLM data to CMA's and LSA's as early as possible.

PSD and KCMO are preparing the CMA Process for the 1999 crop year.

CMA's and LSA's **must** now submit an **initial 1999** crop Input File submission to KCMO. That data will be used to:

- remove inactive CMA and LSA producers from the FSA mainframe
- test the 1999 CMA Process programing
- return 1999 crop eligibility and PLM data for submitted producers.

B**Purpose**

This notice:

- provides CMA's and LSA's with instructions for submitting an **initial 1999 crop** Input File
- reminds CMA's and LSA's of the Submission File format
- informs County Offices of download activity relating to the CMA mainframe edit.

Disposal Date

December 1, 1999

DistributionState Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices, **and FAX** to CMA's, and LSA's

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2 Initial 1999 Crop Year Input File Submissions

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**Records
Required for
Submission**

CMA's **must** submit Input File records for producers that:

- have signed a 1999 crop year marketing agreement
- are expected to sign a 1999 crop year marketing agreement.

LSA's **must** submit Input File records for producers that are expected to request loans and LDP's on 1999 crop cotton.

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**FSA Mainframe
Edit**

The CMA Process has not removed inactive CMA and LSA producers from mainframe files for many years. The initial 1999 CMA Process Input File will be used to cleanup FSA mainframe files.

Producer ID's **not** included in this initial 1999 Input File:

- will be removed from multicounty status with the CMA or LSA
 - can be submitted in a subsequent submission once the 1999 CMA Process is functioning.
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**1999 Process
Testing**

Programming must be tested before the startup of the 1999 CMA Process. The initial 1999 Input File submission will be used to test the CMA Process. When testing is completed:

- producer eligibility and PLM data will be returned to CMA's and LSA's for producers included in the initial 1999 Input File submission
 - a CMA Notice will announce the availability of 1999 eligibility and PLM data and authorize the beginning of regular weekly Input File submissions.
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3 Initial 1999 Crop Year Submission Format

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Submission File Contents The Submission File, according to 1-CMA, paragraph 179:

- is a zipped transmission file named KCXXXBBS.000 where “XXX” is the assigned CMA or LSA alpha code and 000 represents the sequential transmission ID number
- is transmitted to KCMO through the FSA BBS according to 1-CMA, Part 7
- contains the:
 - Input File named CMAssccc.MB1 where “ssccc” is the state and county code assigned to the CMA or LSA
 - Control File named CMAssccc.MB4 where “ssccc” is the state and county code assigned to the CMA or LSA.

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2 Initial 1999 Crop Year Submission Format (Continued)

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**Record Format
of the Input File**

The CMASCCC.MB1 Input File:

- provides KCMO with the information necessary to process producer eligibility and PLM data
- shall be created according to 1-CMA, paragraph 177
- submitted according to this notice must include “**99**” in Field [8], crop year.

Input Files shall be formatted according to the following table.

Field No.	Contents	Begin	Length	Data Type
1	Record status	1	1	Char
2	CMA or LSA State code	2	2	Char
3	CMA or LSA county code	4	3	Char
4	Crop code	7	4	Char
5	State code of administrative County Office	11	2	Char
6	County code of administrative County Office	13	3	Char
7	Producer's ID number	16	9	Char
8	Crop year (must indicate 1999)	25	2	Char
9	Farm number (Not applicable for submissions made under this notice.)	27	7	Char
10	Filler	34	10	

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3 Initial 1999 Crop Year Submission Format (Continued)

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**Control File
Record Format**

The CMASCCC.MB4 Control File:

- provides KCMO a count of the records submitted in the Input File
- shall be created according to 1-CMA, paragraph 178.

The following is the record format for the control record file.

Field No.	Contents	Begin	Length	Data Type
1	State code of CMA or LSA	1	2	Char
2	County code of CMA or LSA	3	3	Char
3	Filler	6	1	
4	Number of records in input file	7	7	Char
5	Filler	14	1	
6	Date input file was prepared	15	10	Char
	Example: yyyy/mm/dd			

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4 Deadline and County Office Information

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**County Office
Notice**

County Offices may receive larger than normal Multicounty and Payment Limitation Download Reports during the CMA mainframe edit.

The reports received following the edit will reflect the removal of any inactive CMA and LSA producers from multicounty status and the addition of any new producers.

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**Submission
Deadline**

1999 Producer Records submitted according to this notice:

- are limited to a only 1 Input File submission per CMA or LSA
- can be transmitted any time following the receipt of this notice but must be sent to KCMO **no later than 10:00 a.m. c.t. Tuesday, May 18, 1999.**

A future CMA Notice will announce the availability of 1999 crop eligibility and PLM data and allow for the normal weekly submission of 1999 Input Files.

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Questions

Direct questions about this notice to Mike Mandere, PSD User Requirements at 202-720-4970 or e-mail at Mike_Mandere@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.
